



AUTISM COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
LEWIS CASS BUILDING
Friday, June 27, 2014
9:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT	ORGANIZATION
Amy Matthews, Vice-Chairperson	Grand Valley State University
Anthony Ianni	Autism Alliance of Michigan
Colleen Allen, Chairperson	Autism Alliance of Michigan
Diane Heinzelman (conference call)	Charlevoix-Emmet Intermediate School District
Elizabeth Knisely	Michigan Department of Community Health
Joanne Winkelman	Michigan Department of Education
Mary Chaliman	Michigan Department of Human Services
Rhonda Fossitt	Michigan Department of Insurance and Financial Services
Scott Gilman	Network 180
Stacie Rulison, Secretary	Autism Alliance of Michigan
Wayne Fuqua	Western Michigan University
COUNCIL MEMBERS EXCUSED	ORGANIZATION
Jane Turner	Michigan State University
MDCH STAFF PRESENT	MDCH ORGANIZATION
Hailey DuBreuil	Children & Adults with Autism Spectrum Disorders Administration
Jenell Leonard	Lieutenant Governor's Office
Karla Ruest	Director, Legislative Affairs
Lisa Grost	Children & Adults with Autism Spectrum Disorders Administration
Lori Irish	Division of Services to Children and Families
Lynda Zeller	Deputy Director, Bureau of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities Administration
Morgan Aue-VanDenBerg	Children & Adults with Autism Spectrum Disorders Administration
Nick Lyon	Chief Deputy Director
Vandella Collins	Executive Director, Developmental Disabilities Council
GUESTS PRESENT	ORGANIZATION
Barbara LeRoy	Developmental Disabilities Institute, Wayne State University
Linda Brown	Community Housing Network
Lisa Ruby	Michigan Poverty Law Program
Pat Kemp	Autism Alliance of Michigan
Vickie Armstrong	



ROLL CALL

A Roll Call of the Council Members, MDCH staff, and guests was completed.

CALL TO ORDER

The Autism Council meeting was called to order by Chair Colleen Allen at 9:10 A.M. A quorum was present for the meeting.

Colleen Allen announced she is resigning from the Autism Council chair position. The Autism Alliance of Michigan has an opportunity to create a statewide navigator program and it will require large amount of Colleen's time. She will remain on the Autism Council and another council member will be appointed to replace her as chair. Lisa Grost shared any member who is interested in this position should contact her. The committee expressed its appreciation for the outstanding leadership provided by Colleen Allen.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Chair Colleen Allen called for a **MOTION** to approve the April minutes. Wayne Fuqua made a **MOTION** to approve the April minutes. Scott Gilman **SECONDED** the motion. The **MOTION** carried.

MDCH ADMINISTRATION UPDATE

Nick Lyon, the Michigan Department of Community Health Chief Deputy, reported there are currently 740 children enrolled on the Autism Benefit. In April 2014, Michigan had 118 BCBAs and now has 229 BCBAs after the 2014 May board examination. Nick also addressed Medicaid ABA Service's need for service providers. There are many children not receiving the prescribed amount of ABA which displays the gap between the number of children needing services and the number of service providers. Nick indicated increasing the amount of ABA service providers, implementing Mental Health Commission objective to increase supports in public schools, and improving the system to handle and prevent crisis management situations continues to be a top priority for the Department of Community Health.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Karla Ruest, the Michigan Department of Community Health Legislative Liaison, reported that the Department is continuing to work with Senator Warren and the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (LARA) to pass SB 655, a bill to create a licensure program for the practice of applied behavioral analysis.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Lisa Ruby, an attorney for the Michigan Poverty Law Program, provided testimony on the concern of the Medicaid ABA age limit. Discussion included limited ABA providers and continuation to look for solutions to provide services beyond age 6.

ADULT HOUSING SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT

Linda Brown and Pat Kemp presented on the efforts of the Adult Housing Subcommittee. Their presentation included information on the housing gap and things to consider when exploring housing options for persons with ASD and/or developmental disabilities. Linda and Pat's presentation can be found here:

http://michigan.gov/documents/autism/Living_Arrangemnts_ppt_to_MIAC_6_2014_FINAL_462035_7.pdf

STANDING REPORTS

Autism Alliance of Michigan – Colleen Allen

No update.



Grand Valley State University – Amy Matthews

Amy Matthews reported that GVSU/ START has submitted an application for refunding and are waiting to hear from the Michigan Department of Education. She reported that the START conference was successful.

Department of Community Health – Elizabeth Knisely

Elizabeth Knisely reported that the Autism Benefit program has audited 5 of the 10 Prepaid Inpatient Health Plans (PIHPs), four of which are hiring an autism coordinator. The Autism Benefit is receiving great reviews from families regarding ABA. Elizabeth also reported that the Program's first CMS report was submitted Monday, June 30, 2014. The Autism Team has been coordinating many autism trainings for state conferences. There is not an update on the Mental Health Commission Employment Objective.

Department of Human Services – Mary Chaliman

Mary Chaliman reported the Department of Human Services' medical consultant, Dr. Janette Scheid, received a grant to create guidelines for professionals in the state on how to use and score screening tools, including the M-Chat. Her document has been sent to about 400 pediatricians in the state to help promote utilizing the available tools.

Autism Alliance of Michigan – Anthony Ianni

Anthony Ianni reported Autism Alliance of Michigan concluded the Relentless Tour for the school year with 155 presentations in the first five months. They toured a total of about 250 schools over the course of the entire year and plan to continue the tour in 2014-2015.

Michigan Department of Education - Joanne Winkleman

Joanne Winkleman reported to the Council on the recent Department of Education request for proposal (RFP). The RFP indicates the contractor must address the Autism State Plan as part of the grant. They are currently reviewing applications and have not yet chosen a grantee.

University Updates - Wayne Fuqua

Wayne Fuqua reported that Western Michigan University (WMU) is working on several autism-related projects. WMU is developing a teleconsultation program, developing podcasts and training materials, and preparing for the Michigan Autism Conference. He reported that WMU will be graduating approximately 15 students from their Applied Behavior Analysis Masters program who are eligible to sit for their BCBA exam. WMU is also in the process of hiring a BCBA faculty member to work on their online BCBA program. Wayne also received an update from colleagues at Central Michigan University who reported that CMU had recently finished a VB-MAPP assessment workshop with 197 participants. The workshop received glowing reviews. CMU also recently hired a BCBA faculty member. No other universities provided updates on their autism-related activities.

Charlevoix-Emmet Intermediate School District - Diane Heinzelman

No report.

National Leadership Autism Collaborative – Colleen Allen, Stacie Rulison, Jane Turner

Not discussed.

Mental Health Commission Educational Objective – Diane Heinzelman and Joanne Winkleman

No report.



Mental Health Commission Employment Objective – Elizabeth Knisely

No update.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Early Identification Early Intervention Subcommittee – Amy Matthews and Jane Turner

Colleen Allen addressed the Screening and Evaluation workgroups within the subcommittee. Colleen reported they've finalized their referral, screening, and identification processes across systems and are ready to distribute it. Amy Matthews reported on the Intervention workgroup stating they're working on documents which identify critical components for good evidence based practices for children. They hope to have those documents finalized by the end of the fall. All documents will be available on the Autism Resource Information Center (ARIC) website once it is developed.

Adult Service Subcommittee – Stacie Rulison

Stacie Rulison reported that the Adult Service Subcommittee is currently focusing on secondary transition. The subcommittee is currently in the process of creating a document that will incorporate the housing efforts with information on higher level education, community supports, and transportation. Stacie indicated that she would bring these documents to the next Council meeting.

Education Subcommittee-- Joanne Winkelman

Joanne Winkelman reported that the Education Subcommittee is working on an evidence-based practices guidelines, a high quality ASD school based evaluation document, as well as, a collaborative opportunities matrix for ASD services for school-aged children. Joanne indicated she hopes to bring these three documents to the next Autism Council meeting for discussion and review.

Insurance Ad Hoc Committee – Colleen Allen

Wayne Fuqua reported that he is working with representatives from Blue Cross Blue Shield and Blue Care Network to develop guidelines for initial behavior analysis treatment plans and guidelines for progress reports to be used to request insurance authorization and reauthorization, respectively.

Crisis Management Ad Hoc Subcommittee – Scott Gilman

Scott Gilman reported the Crisis Management Ad Hoc Subcommittee is focusing on how to support families in crisis and what should happen next. They are working on linking their next step recommendations with tools, resources, and processes that should be available to those in a crisis situation. Scott also indicated the subcommittee is struggling with data in terms of how to measure what the subcommittee is doing well on and with insurance and billing.

Next Steps for Committees – Colleen Allen

- **Autism Resource Information Center (ARIC)**
Not Discussed.
- **Dissemination/ Communication of Committee Products and Implementation Fidelity**
Not Discussed.
- **New Committee applicants**

Colleen Allen reported a list of subcommittee applicants who have applied within the past year will be sent to the designated committee the individual expressed interest toward volunteering.



UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Autism Council Materials Template – Lisa Grost and Hailey DuBreuil

Lisa will email out potential templates for published Autism Council documents for feedback due to limited meeting discussion time.

Autism Registry – Lynda Zeller

Lynda Zeller reported on the Autism Registry indicating there are items the Michigan Department of Community Health can currently do without additional funding. Lynda reported her staff and Nick Lyon's staff are willing to meet with a group to create meaningful use cases, especially those involved with the schools to collect data. Colleen Allen suggested an Ad Hoc Committee be created to review options. Joanne Winkelman, Stacie Rulison, Amy Matthews, Network 180 staff, Lisa Grost and Linda Zeller will begin the committee.

Autism Council Annual Progress Report – Amy Matthews

Amy Matthews reported a template has been put together for a report on the progress of the Council. The template is intended for each subcommittee to report back with their progress including things, such as membership, meetings, goals, products, timelines, obstacles, and resources needed and eventually measuring impact. The template is currently out for review to ensure it captures all relevant information. She hopes to have all the necessary information by September.

NEW BUSINESS

Department Appointees Renewal September 2014 – Colleen Allen

In the next few weeks, the Governor will be sending notifications to the Directors of the Departments asking for their recommendations on Autism Council appointees due to current positions expiring September 2014.

2014-15 Autism Council Meeting Scheduled – Colleen Allen

Draft schedule attached.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 P.M. The next Autism Council meeting will be on *August 22, 2014* in the Lewis Cass 5 Large Conference Room.